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Council reviews Council to select new Boulevard About 35 people reviewed the determinant of the roadway, bike lanes, landscaped the roadway bike lanes, lan

The Planning Commission is expected to deliver City Council a recommendation regarding the relocation of the Transit Center at the Commission's April 8th meeting at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall.

The Commission is considering a Working Group recommendation to move the downtown transit center to a parcel of City-owned land near the northeastern corner of Kellogg Lake.

Should a light rail funding package be secured in the future, the site would expand to include a four story Park & Ride, a light rail station, and pedestrian bridges over McLoughlin Blvd. and Kellogg Lake.

The Working Group comprised of Neighborhood Leaders, Downtown business representatives, North Industrial landowners, and staff from the City, TriMet, and ODOT, analyzed finding a new spot for the Transit Center for more than six months.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing in February and in March and recorded more than six hours of public testimony.

Some arguments in support of the site included the potential for future economic development opportunities, getting parked buses out of downtown, and improvements to intersections on McLoughlin Blvd. Arguments in opposition included preservation of open space, perceived increased traffic in downtown, and the site would not aid economic development in downtown.

City Council will review the Planning Commission recommendation at Council's April 20th meeting.

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About 35 people reviewed the design alternatives for a new and improved McLoughlin Boulevard at an Open House held on March 10th, at the Milwaukie Public Safety Building.

Construction of the new section of boulevard between Harrison Street and the Kellogg Creek Bridge could begin as early as summer of '04. The principal elements involved include wider sidewalks and planter strips on both side of the roadway, bike lanes, landscaped medians near Monroe Street and improved pedestrian crossings and traffic signals at Harrison, Monroe, and Washington Streets.

Of special concern at the Open House were west/river side access designs to accommodate the riverfront recreational users (including boaters), and Kellogg Treatment Plant operations. The goal is

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Milwaukie's Local Leaders

Helping the "human element"

As part of his Criminal Justice coursework in college, Jeff Darlymple was required to take a "ride along" with a police officer. From that point on, Jeff says he new he wanted to be an officer.

Jeff's been a volunteer reserve at Milwaukie's PD since 1996, and he says he loves police work because of the "human element."

"I love the involvement with the people," Jeff said, "You ne ver know what can happen next."

That was never more the case on the afternoon of February 19th. A call came in at about 4:45 p.m. that a three-year-old autistic child from the Waverly area had gone missing.

Officers on patrol responded to the call, as did several other City employees who were on their way home but turned around to aid the search.

The Officers canvassed the area, and after checking backyards and a dead end street, Jeff said he heard a child's scream in the distance. Following the sound, Jeff hopped a fence and traced the sound to a steep rocky embankment that lead to the Willamette River.

There on a shallow ledge among the brush and some 20 feet below was the three-year-old boy.



"He was crying and shaking," Jeff said, "he looked pretty scared."

Calling in his position and grabbing a tree limb to help ease himself down the embankment, Jeff reached the frightened boy.

"I reached into my pocket and gave him a Junior Police sticker badge. He thought that was the coolest thing ever," Jeff said.

Shortly the other officers arrived and with a borrowed ladder they brought Jeff and the boy to safety.

"I didn't want to play the hero," Jeff said when receiving thanks from the "ecstatic" parents. "It's what we're technically paid to do."

But Jeff is a volunteer, and he put himself in harm's way because of his commitment to the profession and helping the "human element."



City is on the move

To contact Councilor Larry Lancaster, call (503) 786-7511 or send an email to lancasterl@ci.milwaukie.or.us.



Milwaukie is on the move and our message to the greater community is that we are open for business. Many exciting things are happening in Milwaukie. New buildings have gone up. Old buildings have come down. The old Safeway site redevelopment project is progressing.

But wait, there's more. The Johnson Creek Boulevard major road reconstruction was completed. And we are progressing on the McLoughlin reconstruction

project near the waterfront.

But wait there's even more. A new Safeway is going into the old King Road Super Center site, at the corner of 42nd and King Road. And the entire block is being redeveloped. I can't wait to see how it turns out.

Also, we are in the process of relocating the bus center out of the downtown. There have already been several opportunities for you to express your opinion on where you would like to see the busses in our downtown moved to. However, it's not too late to tell us what you think, but we need to hear from you right now.

These are the kind of critical decisions we must make that will impact our City for many years to come. It is imperative we make the right decision. Milwaukie's economic future as well as our livability truly hangs in the balance.

This is a great time to live in Milwaukie and we have a very bright future. So stay tuned and get involved because our great City is on the move.

Share a favorite poem

In celebration of National Poetry Month the Ledding Library is offering a read-your-favorite-poem night for its younger patrons.

Young people in grades 4-8 are invited to read their favorite poem out loud for an audience of friends and family. The celebration begins at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 26th.

Anyone who is interested in reading should call the library at (503)786-7580 to reserve a five-minute time slot.

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to provide access to accommodate all users while preserving as much of the Riverfront's greenspace as possible. One option featured access to accommodate all users at Washington Street, while a second option would accommodate all users at Monroe Street. After collecting public comment, the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) is considering a third alternative which would provide right-in right-out access at Jefferson Street for boaters and general riverfront users, and provide access for treatment plant operations at Washington Street. To take a look at the design alternatives check the City's website at www.cityofmilwaukie.org.

City Council will endorse a final design at a public hearing in May. For more information please call project manager Brion Barnett at (503) 786-7608.

US Senator reviews light rail corridor

United States Senator Ron Wyden took a tour of Phase II of The South Corridor Project on March 18th, and he asked those citizens and business owners who were taking the bus tour

with him to help him understand the issues surrounding the Portland to Milwaukie light rail alignment.

Elected officials from around the region also made the trip, as did officials from Metro and TriMet. Project Manager Michael



Fisher of TriMet explained each facet of the alignment, and gave special attention to the working group process that's been going on in Milwaukie. (see page 1).

Police promote gun safety, give free locks

In order to promote gun safety and to keep children safe from firearms stored in the home, the Milwaukie Police Department is giving away free gunlocks to the public.

In conjunction with Operation Child Safe, the Police Department is giving up to four cable gunlocks to any one person. If more are needed, it's recommended a gun safe be purchased. You can pick up the locks at the Public Safety Building (3200 SE Harrison St.) during regular hours of operation. For more information, please call the Milwaukie Police Department at (503) 786-7555.

Celebrate Earth Day

Celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd by making a resolution to try something new. Here are three things that make a big difference:

- Round up your old paint, solvents, pesticides and the like and take them to the Metro South Transfer Station, 2001 Washington Street in Oregon City. At this time there is no fee to drop off household hazardous waste. Questions? Call Metro Recycling Information at (503) 234-3000.
- Start composting leaves, grass clippings, food scraps, and even old potting soil. You'll be amazed how light your garbage can will get, and you will have a supply of nature's best fertilizer. Call the County at (503) 353-4461 for a free copy of "It's Easy to Make Your Own Compost" and/or a schedule for this year's free Natural Gardening and Composting Workshops.
- Purchase the least toxic product for your house or yard project.
 Help keep our water safe and clean. Call Clackamas County at (503) 353-4461 for a free copy of "Green Cleaners" and the "Natural Gardening Shopper's Guide."



Learn to make change

The City of Milwaukie is sponsoring a Leadership Course to help residents learn how they can become involved with their local government.

The class is two hours long and features an open and conversational format. There will be a short presentation from City staff and then a panel of Neighborhood Leaders and board and commission members will talk about their experiences and take questions from the class. The idea is for people who have become involved to talk about how they got their start and how they've grown their involvement throughout the years.

The class is scheduled for April 29th, from 6 to 8 p.m., in the City Hall Conference Room.

Half of the class is already full, so if you're interested in attending, please contact Program Coordinator Jason Wachs at (503) 786-7568.

Get rid of your junk

Don't forget the City's highly popular Down to Earth Day collection event set for Saturday, May 1st.

From 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. residents can get rid of the stuff that's been cluttering their homes and yards for a very reasonable fee, as little as \$3, at three Dumpster locations throughout the City. The sites for this year's collections are Linwood Elementary at 11909 SE Linwood, Ardenwald Elementary at 8950 SE 36th, and Seth Lewelling School at 5325 SE Logus.

Cars arriving at the sites after 1:30 p.m. will be turned away. Residents can dump discarded furniture, unmounted tires, scrap metal, yard debris and general trash. The following materials will NOT be accepted: kitchen garbage, liquids, asbestos, animal wastes, rock, stumps, dirt, large appliances and hazardous materials, such as paint. The Household Hazardous Waste Facilities in Northwest Portland and Oregon City accepts hazardous materials at no cost. Curbside service for seniors and disabled residents is available on a limited basis. For further information, please call Community Services Director JoAnn Herrigel at (503) 786-7508.

Student recognized

City Council began recognizing exceptional Milwaukie High students in March and it couldn't have kicked off the program any better by selecting Emily Klain as its first student. Emily is a straight "A" student and is active in a number of student organizations.



Councilor Deborah Barnes hands Emily Klain her plaque as Mayor James Bernard looks on

Council will recognize a student every month in an effort to encourage younger citizens to become more involved and to further develop the relationship between the City and High School.

City hosts PUD forum

A forum will be held Monday, April 26th, at 7 p.m. at Milwaukie Center on a proposal to form a Clackamas County People's Utility District. The forum is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Clackamas County, the City of Milwaukie and the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District.

Clackamas County Commissioners have placed the Clackamas County People's Utility District (PUD) proposal on the May 18 ballot. There are two ballot measures: one to form a PUD and the other to authorize a onetime levy that would raise about \$73,000 to conduct an engineer's study on acquiring or building an electric utility system. Presentations for and against the PUD will be made and members of the audience will be invited to ask questions.

If the PUD is approved, it will be governed by a 5-person board of directors chosen by the voters at the same election. Candidates for the board are invited to participate.

The Milwaukie Code Corner

It's getting to be the growing season and vegetation can get out of hand in a hurry. In order to keep streets and sidewalks safe for travel for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians, the City maintains an ordinance requiring residents to maintain shrubs and trees on their property and abut-

ting right of way.

As a general rule, any tree or shrub that overhangs or grows into a sidewalk or street should be cutback or trimmed to a height of eight feet over a sidewalk, and 12 feet over a street.

If you're out and about and find yourself ducking or weaving because of an intrusive branch or shrub, call Code Compliance Officer Steven Campbell at (503) 786-7545.

School zone clarification

Last month's Pilot featured incomplete information regarding the state's new school zone laws, effective July 1. Here are some clarifications:

- The new law makes it a 20 mph zone adjacent to a school dependent on the speed limit leading up to the school zone.
- If the speed limit leading up to the school zone is 30 mph or less, the speed limit in the school zone is 20 mph. If the speed limit leading up to the school zone is over 30 mph, the speed limit is 20 mph, either when lights are flashing or at a sign's specified times.

AROUND TOWN

The Around Town section gives elected Neighborhood Leaders an opportunity to interpret issues facing their community as well as promote greater neighborhood involvement. As a result of this open forum the opinions presented may not always represent the attitudes of the City or of the author's entire Neighborhood. The Pilot and its participating Neighborhood Officers welcome your feedback. Please see page 6 for contact information.

LEWELLING

Written by Amy Hough, Secretary NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: April 1, 7 p.m.

Where: Lewelling Elementary

Lewelling Elementary is still raising money for the climbing wall they would like to install this spring. The Lewelling Neighborhood has voted to donate \$200 to the school's fund for this project. This will be a very exciting addition to the school's already diverse curriculum.

The annual cleanup of the Outdoor Classroom is coming up on April 24th.

Anyone in the area is welcome to participate in the work, and fun. All will meet at the back of the school by the tennis courts at 9 a.m. It would help if you bring gloves for yourself and any tools associated with cleaning out bushes and branches.

Watch for our "Lewelling Neighborhood" street sign pole toppers at your main crossroad. More toppers will soon be installed to show our pride and appreciation for our Neighborhood.

Our Annual Rummage Sale is coming soon. Please think about items to donate and support the Lewelling

NDA. Our Neighborhood park will undergo many changes this summer, and we would love for everyone to help in some way.

If you have furniture, tools, sporting goods, nic-nac's, or maybe a bicycle, we would love to take that off your hands.

All proceeds are for the Lewelling Neighborhood to further the development of our Community Park.

Of course don't forget to come and see what treasure may be waiting for you at the rummage sale. Look for the next Pilot to catch the dates.

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Written by David Aschenbrenner, Chair NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: April 12, 7 p.m.

Where: Hector Campbell Elementary

We had a great turnout at last month's meeting. I am sorry that Steve Campbell, Milwaukie Code Compliance Officer, and William Conway from Clackamas County Fire Dept. were not able to attend. I have them both scheduled to come to the April meeting along with Clackamas County Commissioner Martha Schrader. I hope you can attend on April 12th at 7 p.m. in the Hector Campbell School Library.

Spring is here and we are starting the park work parties. The April work party is at Homewood Park on Saturday, April 10th at 9 a.m. Bring your gloves for ivy

pulling.

The City budget process has started for the 2004-2005 year. This is the time that the funding for projects is set and a balanced budget is adopted by the City Council.

If you have concerns on how the City spends your tax dollars and funds projects, this is the time to come and speak up. Public testimony is encouraged. The April meeting date is April 7th at City Hall. For more information and other meeting dates, call City Hall at (503) 786-7555.

In other news, Phase I of the King Road redevelopment project is complete and the new Super Burrito is in business. The old structure is demolished, and the new office building will soon rise to take its place.



Spring is here, the summer is coming, so get out and meet your neighbors. Get involved in local community projects and help make Milwaukie a GREAT PLACE to LIVE. Remember it is not a

Neighborhood without Neighbors!

LAKE ROAD

Written by Debby Patten, Secretary NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: April 14, 7:00 p.m. • Where: Rowe Middle School

Attendance was light at our last meeting due to the Open House discussing the Transit Center location that was scheduled for the same evening. However, we persevered and were able to eat most of the cookies anyway. Here's some of what we discussed:

Our Identity Sign has been proposed to the Planning Department. There are things to be ironed out, such as permits, but we are hoping to show it off at the parade in July. Last month, Milwaukie Program Coordinator Jason Wachs

had three high school students brainstorm on how to get more attendance at our meetings. I attended the presentation, and with some of those ideas in mind, I am bringing chocolate chip ice cream to our April meeting.

Another great idea the students had was to have an earlier start time. We unanimously decided to change the time to 6:30 p.m. starting in May when we move to the ESD building. We would like to end our meetings by 8 p.m. Hopefully, these changes will entice others to attend. If you have some other ideas, please give Bob Moore (Chair) a call!

If you're smart, you'll come to our next meeting. Otherwise, (like my husband), you too will find yourself a volunteer on the Float Committee! ;-)

AROUND TOWN

ARDENWALD/J.C.

Written by Carlotta Collette, Chair NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: April 13, 6:30 p.m. Where: Ardenwald Elementary

Did you know Milwaukie has plans for the revitalization of downtown and the riverfront? The plans include a downtown bus transit center. There would be a bridge across McLoughlin Boulevard to link businesses with a new park on the riverfront and the dam on Kellogg Creek would be removed to recreate a salmon-bearing stream. The Kellogg Creek Water Treatment Plant would be replaced by a hotel and marina complex.

These plans are on hold because we can't afford them. Milwaukie can barely pay its bills, let alone invest in its future. If we're going to build our dreams, we'll need to first build the partnerships that can help us pay for them.

This winter a working group made up of folks from Milwaukie's neighbor-

hoods, north industrial and downtown businesses, our schools and more, spent months in that partnership-building process. We reached a two-part consensus.

After much study, we recommended the City's transit center be relocated on the vacant lot overlooking Kellogg Creek. Money from the project would go towards creek and wetlands restoration.

Our second consensus recommendation was a light rail route into Milwaukie along downtown's already existing tracks. The project would include our pedestrian bridge to Riverfront Park.

Nearly all of this would be paid for with regional, state and federal funds. Our Planning Commission is considering the working group recommendations. If the Commission approves them, the City Council will address the issue next.

I'm hopeful they will see the promise in approving the Kellogg Creek proposals. They represent the kind of local, state, regional and federal partnerships this City needs.

ISLAND STATION

NEXT MEETING'S INFO: When: April 15, 6:30 p.m. Where: Milwaukie Grange

At the March meeting Island Station residents discussed their efforts to improve Spring Park. A work party was scheduled for March 20th, and residents were planning to pour concrete for the newly purchased bench and picnic table that same weekend.

The second Spring Park SOLV-IT event will be held on April 24th, from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers will take to the park and focus on trash removal and habitat restoration. If you're interested in participating, please call resident Lisa Batey at (503) 353-1825.

The group also talked about instilling a sense of community pride in the Neighborhood that would encourage greater property upkeep. Excited by the idea, residents will expand on the idea at their next meeting.

LINWOOD

Written by Wanda Drendel, CoChair NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: April 8, 7 p.m. • Where: Linwood Elementary

Our guests of the March meeting were Captain Bill Conway and his wife, Becca, from Clackamas County Fire District No. 1. We discussed the Citizen Emergency Response Team, a program that educates citizens in emergency preparedness. This class can be completed at home, followed by an 8-hour hands-on class.

Attendance was very low at our meeting, which must mean Linwood residents must have total confidence in our judgment and with the decisions that are made concerning the Linwood Neighborhood!

There are so many issues from the City and County that

affect the community. Our Neighborhood cochairs, Dolly Macken-Hambright and myself attend many other meetings to keep informed of what's going on in our community. Our objective is to protect and inform all of the residents of Milwaukie and the Linwood Neighborhood.

When anyone comes to the Neighborhood Association for help or has questions, we do all we can to help resolve the issue or get answers.

The Neighborhood Association has obtained quite a few grants, and without the Association, many projects wouldn't have been as promptly financed and finished.

We realize that everyone is busy, and time is precious. Your interest is appreciated. If you have any suggestions on making these meetings more appealing, please send your input to: LNDA, 5583 S.E. Woodhaven St., Milwaukie, OR 97222.

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Written by Ed Zumwalt, Chair NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: April 12, 7 p.m. Where: Milwaukie Elementary

The great turnout at our last meeting was due to a welcomed appearance by City Manager Mike Swanson, who cheerfully and expertly answered questions regarding our City.

He covered a wide range of subjects from the probable Transit Center relocation to a beautiful site adjacent to Kellogg Lake to the Library, the City's budget, pot holes, a possible move of the Transit Center to Kellogg Lake, the weather, and a move of the Transit Center to Kellogg Lake.

It was a lively and delightful discussion that brought out the best of debating skills in everybody, and profanity was kept to an absolute minimum.

There were a few instances of apoplexy and hyperventilation, but, all in all, everyone held up well.

Our preparations for the Milwaukie Riverfest are moving right along, and negotiations are almost completed with the carnival, dragon boat and fireworks people. I urge all readers to talk up the event to everyone you know, as it will be an event that will be the talk of the region. Remember: the dates are July 23rd, 24th, and 25th, and that all proceeds will be directed towards developing our Riverfront.

Please call Terry Darling at (503) 654-1007 if you're interested in the Dragon Boat Competition. Other volunteers please call me at (503) 654-2493 or Kelley Howell at (503) 777-6401.

City Events Calendar

April 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ICH - Milwaukie City Hall, 10722 SE Main Street ISB - Public Safety Building, 3200 SE Harrison Street CB - Public Works Building, 6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd.	CITY OF			7:00pm Lewelling NDA (Lewelling Elementary)	10:00am Milwaukie Center/Community Advisory Board (MC)	First Saturday Music Program Ledding Library 2-3 p.m. Admission is free
1C - Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive ED - Ledding Library, 10660 SE	MILWAUKIE			1	2	3
21st Avenue		5:30pm City Council Work Session, (MCH)	6:00pm Citizens Utility Advisory Board (JCB)	7:00pm Linwood NDA (Linwood Elementary)		
		6:30pm City Council Regular Session (MCH)	6:00pm Budget Committee Hearing (MCH)	6:30pm Planning Commission Special Session (MCH)		
4	5	6	6:00pm Library Planning Comm. (PSB) 7	See Front Page	9	10
	7:00pm Historic Milwaukie NDA, (Milwaukie Elementary)	6:30pm Ardenwald/ Johnson Creek NDA, (Ardenwald Elementary) 6:30pm Planning	7:00pm Lake Road NDA (Rowe Middle School) 6:00pm Budget Committee Hearing (PSB)	6:30pm Island Station NDA (Milwaukie Grange)		Landlord Training Public Safety Building 9 to 11 a.m.
1 1	7:00pm Hector Campbell NDA, (Campbell Elementary)	Commission(MCH)	, , ,	1.5	1./	Call (503) 786-7420 for more details
11	12	13	14	15	16	1.4
	6:30pm Ledding Library Board, (LED)	5:30pm City Council Work Session, (MCH) 6:30pm City Council Regular Session (MCH)		6:00pm Public Safety Board (PSB)		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	7:00pm Parks and Recreation Board (MCH) PUD Forum	6:30pm Planning Commission Work Session (MCH)				
25	PUD Forum 7 p.m. Milwaukie Center See Page 3	27	28	29		
					30	

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

ARDENWALD AND JOHNSON CREEK

Meetings held on second Tuesdays 6:30 p.m., Ardenwald Elementary Chair, Carlotta Collette, (503) 653-5771 email: carlottacollette@comcast.net

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Meetings held on second Mondays 7:00 p.m., Hector Campbell Elementary Chair, David Aschenbrenner, (503) 654-4258 email: dlasch@comcast.net

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Meetings held on second Mondays 7:00 p.m., Milwaukie Elementary Chair, Ed Zumwalt, (503) 654-2493 email: PEMCZUM@aol.com

ISLAND STATION

Meetings held on third Thursdays 6:30 p.m., Milwaukie Grange Chair, Rick Farasy, (503) 786-2437

LAKE ROAD

Meetings held on second Wednesdays 7:00 p.m., **Rowe Middle School** Chair, Bob Moore, (503) 794-2946

LEWELLING

Meetings held on first Thursdays 6:30 p.m., Lewelling Elementary Chair, Art Ball, (503) 786-4016

LINWOOD

Meetings held on second Thursdays 6:30 p.m., Linwood Elementary

Chair, Dolly Macken Hambright, (503) 659-8908

Meeting Broadcast Information:

City Council Work Sessions: Channel 30 Tues., Thurs., Sat.: 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m, 2 a.m.

City Council Regular Sessions: Channel 30 Sun., Mon., Wed., Fri.: 6 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m., 12 a.m.

And when meetings aren't being rebroadcast, check out the City's Cable Information System

The City of Milwaukie looks forward to any questions or suggestions you might have. Please drop us a line or give us a call.



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